

TWO LIVELY SKIRMISHES.

GEN. OVENSHINE LOSES TWO MEN IN A FIGHT NEAR PALAWAN.

Rebel Envoys Discussed Offer with the American Commissioners Yesterday and Will Report to Aguinaldo To-day.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

MANILA, May 23.—P. M.—United States Commissioners Schurman, Denby and Worcester held an all-day conference to-day with the Filipino envoys, at which President McKinley's and the Commissioners' proclamation to the Philippines, and the governmental scheme outlined in yesterday's dispatch to THE SUN were discussed exhaustively. The questions of higher education, personal liberty, the powers of the proposed General Advisory Council, and a separation of Church and State received particular attention. The Filipino Commissioners objected to the lack of political liberty awarded to the natives, but were apparently pleased with the scheme as a whole, saying that when the people understood it they would probably be satisfied. The Filipino Commissioners will report the result of their mission to Aguinaldo to-day.

Major Bell of the Fourth Cavalry made a reconnaissance at Santa Rita, west of Bacolor, to-day. He encountered considerable resistance from the enemy and had several men wounded.

There was also a brush with the enemy at Marikina and later at Pinar, where a line of insurgent skirmishers, who were shielding a force of trench diggers, attacked Gen. Ovenshine's lines, but were repulsed by a battalion of the Twelfth Infantry. The Americans had two men killed and two wounded.

The rain is raging and the rainy season has begun.

The recent events have not brought about any change in the American military policy.

Two battalions of the Sixth Artillery and 200 marines have arrived here from San Francisco.

The railway train which was reported to be the first train reached San Fernando this morning.

The Spanish newspaper *Ovacion* has been suppressed by the military authorities and the editor put under arrest for publishing objectionable articles.

Brig. Gen. Williston, who arrived here in command of the troops of the Sixth Artillery, will succeed Gen. Hughes as Provost Marshal of Manila. Gen. Hughes has been assigned to duty in the Visayan Islands.

The departure of the First California Infantry for home has been prevented by a typhoon.

BRITISH FLAG OVER PALAWAN.

Native Raised It for Protection, but Foreign Special Orders It Handed Down.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, May 23.—A news agency here is informed that as a result of the American occupation of the Philippines and the removal of Spanish authority in some of the islands in the Sulu and other islands yet untouched by the Americans, a very serious condition of affairs has existed for some months past.

On the departure of the Spanish inhabitants some of the islands, notably Palawan, Balabac and Kulon, are reported to have been visited by the Captain of a British steamer visiting Palawan, in response to an urgent request from the natives, handed the latter a British flag, to be used in case of emergency.

Upon the matter being reported to the British Foreign Office the official telegraphed orders to Singapore that the British flag be at once hoisted down.

According to advices just received here, the British warship *Archer* was despatched to Port Royal, Palawan, to execute the order.

Capt. Port, who was in command of the ship, who furnished the natives of Palawan with the British flag.

FIRST NEBRASKA'S HARD SERVICE.

The Sheridan Arrives with Some of the Wounded and Col. Stotsenburg's Body.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The transport *Sheridan* has arrived from Manila with the body of Col. Stotsenburg, Capt. Ough of Company B, First Nebraska, was aboard. He said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

When the transport *Sheridan* left Manila on April 20 there were only 222 men able to report for duty. The others are either in the hospital or dead. The British steamer *Archer* carried Capt. Forby of Company H died and was buried by his comrades."

Mrs. Mary Lee, who was with the Nebraska body of Col. Stotsenburg, said to-day:

"The Nebraska regiment has suffered terribly during the war. It left San Francisco 1,032 strong, and since then 250 recruits have filled vacancies in the ranks."

FRANCHISE IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The Road Delays Action on the Proposals of 17 President Kruger.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PRETORIA, May 23.—President Kruger's proposed amendments to the Franchise law were debated in the First Road to-day. President Kruger opened the debate. He urged that the matter be discussed without prejudice, and said that the question had to be eventually settled by the people, but the Government wanted the Road's opinion as to the desirability of publishing a draft of the proposals.

The Conservatives strongly opposed the amendments, and some of the Progressives also expressed themselves as not satisfied with the scheme. President Kruger considered that the scheme would also enfranchise those who were true to the State. He angrily repudiated an insinuation that he was influenced by England in the matter. He reminded the members that resolutions extending the franchise had already been passed three times by the Road, and incidentally remarked that the English people were not his enemies.

Finally, the Road, by a vote of 15 to 6, adopted a resolution that the proposals not having been submitted to the people, the Government should publish a draft of the President's proposals, and that the matter be submitted at the next ordinary session of the Road.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Chorus of 250 Voices Will Serenade the Queen at Windsor.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, May 23.—Great preparations are being made at Windsor for to-morrow's celebration of the eightieth birthday of the Queen. A triumphal floral arch has been erected on Castle Hill, facing one entrance to the castle, which will be illuminated by a thousand electric lights at night. The Queen's statue on Castle Hill will also be decorated and illuminated.

The festivities will begin at 10:15 p.m. on the morning with a serenade in the grand quadrangle, which the Queen will hear in the castle. The choir will comprise 250 voices, under the direction of Sir Walter Parratt, master of the Queen's music. The serenade will commence with the national anthem. This will be followed by the Bishop of Wakefield's Jubilee Hymn, and the *Te Deum*. After the serenade the Queen will witness the ceremony of the second Battalion of the Scots Guard firing a salute.

In the evening there will be a banquet in the castle, which will be followed by a performance of "Lohengrin" in the Waterloo Chamber by the leading operatic stars.

DREYFUS EXPOSED NO SECRET.

Details of Cannon 120 Were Known Before the Bordenau Was Written.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, May 24.—The front page of the *Figaro* this morning is taken up with a letter, signed by an old general of artillery, in which he exposes the Staff Office by producing an official document, dated February, 1894, giving details of a cannon 120, which was drawn up and distributed among the officers of the Twenty-sixth Artillery by the Colonel of that regiment.

The General recalls the general testimony given by the Dreyfus case by Gen. Gosse, Gen. Polux, Roguet, and Delors to the effect that the cannon was absolutely unknown prior to the Dreyfus bordereau before proceeding to annihilate their evidence by the production of this astounding document.

MARCH ON HIS WAY HOME.

Receptions at Egyptian Ports Abandoned Because of the Plague.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, May 23.—The French cruiser *D'Assas*, with Major Marchand and his party on board, has arrived at Suez and will leave for Port Said at 10 o'clock to-morrow evening.

In consequence of the appearance of the plague in Egypt, the vessel will not take a pilot through the canal. For the same reason the French official, the French official will not be able to communicate with Marchand, and all of the receptions which it was proposed to give in his honor have been abandoned.

TWO MORE CASES AT ALEXANDRIA AND TWO DEATHS REPORTED.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ALEXANDRIA, May 23.—Three more cases of plague have been discovered here, and two deaths from the disease are reported. Two cases have also appeared at Zagazig and two at Ismailia.

LONDON, May 23.—Lloyd's agent at Constantinople telegraphs to the Foreign Office that all arrivals at Ottoman ports from Alexandria will be detained in quarantine for observation until further notice.

THE CONFERENCE WITH KRUGER.

Sir Alfred Milner Will Meet the President of the Transvaal on May 31.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, May 23.—Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of the Cape Colony, will start for Bloemfontein on May 24, and while there will be the meeting with President Kruger of the South African republic will take place on Wednesday, May 31.

EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN MEN.

The Military Laboratory at Copenhagen Demolished.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

COPENHAGEN, May 23.—An explosion occurred in the military laboratory here to-day in which seven men were killed and three others badly injured. The building was demolished.

FOURTEEN PERSONS DROWNED.

Ferryboat Capsized at Hoernumssund, Bavaria.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, May 23.—Fourteen persons were drowned at Hoernumssund, near Straubing, Bavaria, to-day by the capsizing of a ferryboat. The accident was caused by the breaking of a rope.

Spain Delays Payments on Debts.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

MADRID, May 23.—The coupons on the debt falling due after July 1 will come under the next budget, and the Government will pay them not until their payment is approved by the Cortes. Señor Villaverde, Minister of Finance, to-day informed the Cabinet that he had ordered the Bank of Spain to suspend the redemption of the 4 per cent. bonds, the Government not having the necessary credit of 10,000,000 pesetas. The Cabinet approved his action.

New Spanish Minister Starts for New York To-day.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, May 23.—Duke de Aros, the new Spanish Minister to the United States, and his wife will sail to-morrow for New York on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grossherzog.

Paris Canal Will Test of Warship Models.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, May 23.—M. Lecomte, Minister of Marine, has decided to ask the municipality to grant a site in the Bois de Boulogne for the construction of a canal in which trials may be conducted with models of warships.

King of Denmark Recovers.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

COPENHAGEN, May 23.—The King of Denmark has recovered from his recent alarming illness.

In Placing Your Advertising.

For the season, be certain THE SUN is your list.

The number of leading summer resort advertisers who use THE SUN is in themselves an endorsement of its value of the paper as a profitable medium.

RURAL GUARD FOR CUBA.

GEN. BROOKE CONSIDERING THE PLAN BUT NOT LIKELY TO APPROVE IT.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

GEN. Gomez Anxious That the Cuban Soldiers Accept the Money Offered and Give Up Their Arms. Col. Biles Takes Issue Intended to Suppress Smuggling.

HAVANA, May 23.—The question of the establishment of a rural guard will shortly be considered by Gen. Brooke, but it is hardly likely that he will take favorable action on the proposition. There are now 500 guards in Santa Clara, 230 in Pinar del Rio, and 250 in Santiago; but there are none in Pinar del Rio, Havana or Matanzas provinces. Gen. Wilson, Military Commander of the Department of Matanzas and Santa Clara, is opposed to the plan, believing that the guards are unnecessary. The 500 men employed in that capacity in Santa Clara are a relic of Gen. Bates's regime.

The opinion is expressed in American quarters that much of the bandit scum is a part of a scheme to force the appointment of a large rural guard. Most of the reports of bandits in Cuba come from the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana or Matanzas provinces. Gen. Wilson, Military Commander of the Department of Matanzas and Santa Clara, is opposed to the plan, believing that the guards are unnecessary. The 500 men employed in that capacity in Santa Clara are a relic of Gen. Bates's regime.

Interest in the disarmament question is apparently waning. The *Reconstruccion* is the only paper which discusses the matter to-day. It says that the American money appropriated for the payment of the Cuban troops will go back to the United States untouched. The authorities at the Salon Trocha expect, however, that a majority of the soldiers will appear on the designated days and take their money, and are proceeding accordingly. Gen. Brooke's order regarding the payment of the soldiers was sent to the interior, and it will be officially published to-morrow.

Gen. Gomez is very anxious for the Cubans to accept the money. He called a meeting of his Generals at the Hotel Roma this afternoon, at which he urged them to use all their influence to get the money. He said that he would appear in a ridiculous light if he did not. It was decided to send Gen. Carrillo to the Santa Clara headquarters of the Fourth Corps to urge the men to take the money. Telegrams to the same effect were sent to Gen. J. J. R. in Santiago and Gen. Pedro Diaz in Pinar del Rio.

Arrangements were completed to-day to begin the payment of the Fifth Corps in Havana Province on May 27. The payment will continue twelve days, the last detachment being paid in Cardenas. The arrangements for the payment of the Fourth and Sixth Corps have not yet been completed.

Another meeting of Cuban veterans was held this afternoon at Cerro, at which the course of the soldiers in refusing to accept the American money was approved.

In order to check smuggling Col. Biles, Collector of Customs, has forbidden the use of the vessels of less than twenty tons' burden in the importation of merchandise. Some of the merchants here will protest to Washington against an order issued by Col. Biles forbidding inspectors to pass more than one manifest on a vessel. The manifest is a document which describes a cargo, and the dimensions of power of cannon 120, which was drawn up and distributed among the officers of the Twenty-sixth Artillery by the Colonel of that regiment.

The General recalls the general testimony given by the Dreyfus case by Gen. Gosse, Gen. Polux, Roguet, and Delors to the effect that the cannon was absolutely unknown prior to the Dreyfus bordereau before proceeding to annihilate their evidence by the production of this astounding document.

MARCH ON HIS WAY HOME.

Receptions at Egyptian Ports Abandoned Because of the Plague.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, May 23.—The French cruiser *D'Assas*, with Major Marchand and his party on board, has arrived at Suez and will leave for Port Said at 10 o'clock to-morrow evening.

In consequence of the appearance of the plague in Egypt, the vessel will not take a pilot through the canal. For the same reason the French official, the French official will not be able to communicate with Marchand, and all of the receptions which it was proposed to give in his honor have been abandoned.

TWO MORE CASES AT ALEXANDRIA AND TWO DEATHS REPORTED.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ALEXANDRIA, May 23.—Three more cases of plague have been discovered here, and two deaths from the disease are reported. Two cases have also appeared at Zagazig and two at Ismailia.

LONDON, May 23.—Lloyd's agent at Constantinople telegraphs to the Foreign Office that all arrivals at Ottoman ports from Alexandria will be detained in quarantine for observation until further notice.

THE CONFERENCE WITH KRUGER.

Sir Alfred Milner Will Meet the President of the Transvaal on May 31.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

CAPE TOWN, May 23.—Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of the Cape Colony, will start for Bloemfontein on May 24, and while there will be the meeting with President Kruger of the South African republic will take place on Wednesday, May 31.

EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN MEN.

The Military Laboratory at Copenhagen Demolished.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

COPENHAGEN, May 23.—An explosion occurred in the military laboratory here to-day in which seven men were killed and three others badly injured. The building was demolished.

FOURTEEN PERSONS DROWNED.

Ferryboat Capsized at Hoernumssund, Bavaria.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, May 23.—Fourteen persons were drowned at Hoernumssund, near Straubing, Bavaria, to-day by the capsizing of a ferryboat. The accident was caused by the breaking of a rope.

Spain Delays Payments on Debts.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

MADRID, May 23.—The coupons on the debt falling due after July 1 will come under the next budget, and the Government will pay them not until their payment is approved by the Cortes. Señor Villaverde, Minister of Finance, to-day informed the Cabinet that he had ordered the Bank of Spain to suspend the redemption of the 4 per cent. bonds, the Government not having the necessary credit of 10,000,000 pesetas. The Cabinet approved his action.

New Spanish Minister Starts for New York To-day.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, May 23.—Duke de Aros, the new Spanish Minister to the United States, and his wife will sail to-morrow for New York on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grossherzog.

Paris Canal Will Test of Warship Models.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, May 23.—M. Lecomte, Minister of Marine, has decided to ask the municipality to grant a site in the Bois de Boulogne for the construction of a canal in which trials may be conducted with models of warships.

King of Denmark Recovers.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

COPENHAGEN, May 23.—The King of Denmark has recovered from his recent alarming illness.

In Placing Your Advertising.

For the season, be certain THE SUN is your list.

The number of leading summer resort advertisers who use THE SUN is in themselves an endorsement of its value of the paper as a profitable medium.

AUTOMATIC GUNS IN THE NAVY.

Comments Regarding the Failure of the Colt Gun in Samoa.